LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003,** upon the application of **BALLARD EXPLORATION COMPANY.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 11,500' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Little Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To establish rules and regulations and to create one drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate to be designated 11500 RA SUA.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate Ballard Exploration Company as the unit operator for the proposed unit.
- 4. To designate a unit well for the proposed unit.
- 5. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the 11,500' Sand, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
- 6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The 11,500' Sand, in the Little Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 11,500' and 11,571' (ELM) in the Ballard Exploration Company - Theriot No. 1 Well (now called the Baccigalopi No. 1 Well ST), located in Section 23, Township 14 South, Range 6 West.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Lafayette**, Louisiana.

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

JAMES H. WELSH COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La 1/30/03;2/4/03 L dpe

IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.